

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
DOUGLAS et al.) Before the Examiner
Application No. 10/612,852) Apanius, Michael
Filed July 03, 2003) Group Art Unit
METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR) 3736
SAMPLING AND ANALYZING BODY)
FLUID) Confirmation No. 4411

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.